Functions of CPCs

2612. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the Consumer Protection Councils in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that many States have not set up the CPCs as mandated under Section 8A of the Consumer Protection Act;

(c) if so, how Government are impressing upon the States to set up CPCs; and

(d) the details of cases filed and disposed of by CPCs of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The objects of the Consumer Protection councils are to promote and protect the rights of the consumers.

(b) District Consumer Protection Councils as mandated through Section 8A of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, which came into force with effect from 15.3.2003, have been set up so far in 11 States/UTs whereas in 3 other States/UTs, the District Consumer Protection Councils are partly constituted.

(c) The Central Government has been impressing upon the States/UTs to establish these Consumer Protection Councils in their respective States/ UTs as it is their responsibility under the Act.

(d) The question does not arise since the consumer Protection Councils are not adjudicatory bodies in respect of consumer complaints.

Legislation for public procurements

2613. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to regulate public procurements;

(b) the authority of law under which public procurements are made at present;

(c) the essential features of the executive orders, circulars, guidelines, etc., existing at present; and

(d) the changes, if any, proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per existing policy of Foodgrains Procurement, the Central Government extends price support to paddy, coarsegrains and wheat through FCI and State Agencies. All the foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centres are bought by the public procurement agencies at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Rice is also collected by way of statutory levy on rice millers and dealers. The percentage of levy is fixed by State Governments with the approval of Central Government. A copy of percentage of levy rice to be delivered in State/UTs under levy orders during KKMS 2006-07 is given in the enclosed statement.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Percentage of levy rice to be delivered in States/UTs under levy orders during KMS 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Category	Quantum of Levy
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Millers/Dealer	75%**
2.	Assam*	Millers	50%
3.	Bihar*	Millers/Dealers	40% or 2500 qtls. compound levy on millers. 25% or 500 qtls. compound levy on wholesalers.

1	2	3	4
4.	Chhattisgarh*	Millers/Dealers	50% Levy Order has not been formally concurred in by Central Government.
5.	Delhi	Millers/Dealers	75%
6.	Gujarat*	Millers	10%
7.	Haryana	Millers/Dealers	75%
8.	Himachal Pradesh*	Millers/Dealers	50%
9.	Jammu & Kashmir*	Millers/Dealers	50%
10.	Jharkhand*	Millers/Dealers	50%
11.	Karnataka*	Millers/Dealers	33.33%
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Millers/Dealers	30%
13.	Maharashtra	Millers/Dealers	30%
14.	Nagaland*	Millers/Dealers	50%
15.	Orissa	Millers	75%
16.	Punjab	Millers/Dealers	75%
17.	Rajasthan	Millers/Dealers	50%
18.	Tamil Nadu	Millers/Dealers	50%
19.	Uttar Pradesh	Millers/Dealers	75%
20.	Uttaranchal	Millers/Dealers	75%
21.	West Bengal*	Millers	50%
22.	Chandigarh	Millers/Dealers	75%
23.	Pondicherry*	Millers/Dealers	10%(20% transport levy)

*State Govts. of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Pondicherry have issued Levy Orders but these have not been operationalised so far during the current season.

**Advance levy@ 100% allowed upto 31.3.2007 and the adjustment of advance levy collected will be made against the levy rice delivered by the millers till September, 2007.